

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 17 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 20, and 21 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. New Claims 22-23 have been added. Claims 1-5, 7-16, and 18-23 are pending.

Claim 21 has been amended in a manner believed to overcome the Examiner's rejection of that Claim under 35 U.S.C. §101.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-16 and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Pochon et al. (2003/0048793) in view of Cantrell (2004/0093513). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

As amended, Claim 1 recites "determining configuration information associated with how the destination node is configured to reassemble overlapping fragments." Support for the amendment can be found, without limitation, on page 13 of the Specification. Neither Pochon nor Cantrell, whether considered singly or in combination, disclose this limitation. Claim 1 is therefore believed to be allowable.

Claims 2-5, 7-16, and 18-19 depend from Claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Independent Claims 20 and 21 also recite "determining configuration information associated with how the destination node is configured to reassemble overlapping fragments" and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.


New Claims 22 and 23 depend from Claim 20 and are therefore also believed to be allowable.

The foregoing amendments are not to be taken as an admission of unpatentability of any of the claims prior to the amendments.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

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